THE
Daughter of Sion
AWAKENED,
And putting on Strength:

She is Arising, and shaking her self out of the Dust, and putting on her Beautiful Garments.

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And thou, O Tower of the Flock, the strong Hold of the Daughter of Sion, *unto thee shall it come, even the first Dominion; the Kingdom shall come to the Daughter of* Jerusalem, Micah 4. 8.

The Lord shall send the Rod of thy Strength out of Sion, Psal. 110. 2.

Sing and re oyce, O Daughter of Sion; *for lo I come, and will dwell in the midst of thee, saith the Lord: and many Nations shall be joyned unto the Lord in that day, and shall be my People; and I will dwell in the midst of thee; and thou shalt know, that the Lord of Hosts hath sent me unto thee,* Zach. 2. 10, 11.

Rejoyce greatly, O Daughter of Sion; *shout, O Daughter of* Jerusalem: *behold thy King cometh; he is just, and having Salvation; lowly, and riding upon an Ass, and upon a Colt the Foal of an Ass,* Zach. 9. 9. & Mat. 21. 5. & John 12. 15.

Behold I lay in Sion *a Stone of Stumbling and a Rock of Offence; whosoever believeth on him, shall not be ashamed,* Rom. 9. 33.

There shall come out of Sion *a Deliverer, and he shall turn away iniquity from* Jacob, Rom. 11. 26.

Behold I lay in Sion *a chief Corner-stone, elect and precious; he that believeth on him, shall not be ashamed,* 1 Pet. 2. 6.

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The Daughter of Sion Awakened; and putting on Strength.

OUT of *Sion*, the Perfection of Beauty, hath God ſhined, in the Light of his glorious Son, to recover, and to bring back, and to redeem his whole Body, which is his Church, out of all Nations, Kindreds, Peoples, Tongues and Languages.

Now the univerſal, divine, glorious, infinite, inviſible God is ſhining in the dark places, in the hearts of men and women.

There is a Day dawning in the heart, and a Day-ſtar ariſing, which the Night hath been over ſince *Adam*. Even the everlaſting Day is dawning in the hearts of men and women; glorious Praiſes to the Higheſt forever.

Even that Day which the ſerpent in the beginning vailed and clouded with darkneſs through his temptation, and drawing of *Adam* and *Eve* into diſobedience to the Command of God in the beginning, and ſo beguiled them, by which they and all their Poſterity, in that fallen ſtate, have brought upon them ever ſince the heavy Diſpleaſure and Wrath of almighty God: ſo that the ſerpent was not only curſed, but the ground alſo, and man and woman came under the heavy Judgments of God in that ſtate and condition.

But the holy Lord, in his infinite Wiſdom, and rich Bounty, hath found out a Way to recover all that are faithful and obedient unto him.

So that as *Adam* and *Eve* went from Gods Commands through Diſobedience; ſo all that ever come unto God, muſt return by the Obedience to his Light that ſhines from the Son of his Love.

For the Lord God ſaid unto the ſerpent in the beginning, *Becauſe thou haſt done this thing, I will put enmity between thee and the*

woman, and between thy ſeed and her ſeed; it ſhall bruiſe thy Head and thou ſhalt bruiſe his Heel.

Now this part of theſe laſt words, hath been perfectly fulfilled ever ſince the fall; for the Lamb hath been ſlain from the foundation of the world, *Rev.* 13. 8. ever ſince this world of wickedneſs, and darkneſs, and diſobedience entred into the hearts of *Adam* and *Eve*; for the Prince of Darkneſs is the God of this world.

And it broke forth, and manifeſted it ſelf in *Cain*, the firſt birth (which *Adam* and *Eve* brought forth) who ſlew his Brother *Abel* in Wrath and Revenge: and all that ſtock of bloody *Cain* went on in that nature, until they had corrupted the whole Earth.

And God ſaw that the wickedneſs of man was great in the Earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his Heart was evil continually.

And it repented the Lord that he had made man, and it grieved him at his heart, when the Earth was corrupted, and was filled with Violence, and all fleſh had corrupted his way upon the Earth.

And the Lord ſaid, *I will deſtroy man (whom I have created) from the face of the Earth, both man and beeſt.*

And ſo the Lord brought the Flood of Deſtruction upon all the ungodly.

So this curſed ſeed bruiſed the heel of this good Seed before the Flood.

And after the Lord repleniſhed the Earth again, of the three Sons of *Noah*, there was a curſed *Ham*, which *Noah* ſaid was curſed, who, when he ſaw his Fathers Nakedneſs, told his Brethren.

So *Shem* and *Japheth* took a Garment, and covered their Father's Nakedneſs, and went backward becauſe they would not ſee it.

And *Noah* ſaid, *Bleſſed be the Lord God of* Shem, *and* Canaan *ſhall be his ſervant; and God ſhall enlarge* Japheth, *and he ſhall dwell in the Tents of* Shem, *and* Canaan *ſhall be his ſervant; and a ſervant of ſervants is he to be.*

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And ſo this curſed ſeed ever appeared and oppoſed the good, as the generation of this *Ham* and *Canaan* did manifeſt, who would go build *Babel*: and the Son of *Ham* was *Cuſh*, and *Cuſh* begat *Nimrod*, and the beginning of his Kingdom was *Babel*; and God confounded their Language; from thence did the Lord ſcatter them upon all the face of the Earth, *Gen.* 10.

And *Iſhmael*, which the Angel of the Lord ſaid would be a wilde man, which was born of *Hagar*, the *Ægyptian* woman.

And *Sarah* ſaw the Son of *Hagar* the *Ægyptian* mocking of *Iſaac*, which was the Seed to whom the Covenant and Promiſe of God was.

And alſo *Eſau* hated *Jacob*, becauſe of the Bleſſing wherewith his Father had bleſſed him.

And *Eſau* ſaid in his heart, *The Dayes of Mourning for my Father is at hand, then will I ſlay my Brother* Jacob.

So here the murderous ſeed of the old ſerpent appeared again.

And how often was the Lord grieved with the Children of *Iſrael*'s Murmurings and Luſtings, when they loathed the Manna, and luſted after Fleſh? and when the People complained, it diſpleaſed the Lord, and his anger was kindled, and the Fire of the Lord burned, and conſumed as many as were in the outtermoſt parts of the Camp.

And likewiſe, when they gathered the Quailes, when the fleſh was yet in their Teeth, the Wrath of the Lord was kindled againſt them, and ſmote them with a very great Plague.

And alſo, when they rebelled againſt *Moſes*, that they bid, *ſtone him with Stones*; that the Glory of the Lord appeared in the Tabernacle of the Congregation, before all the Children of *Iſrael*.

And the Lord ſpake unto *Moſes* and unto *Aaron*, ſaying, *How long ſhall I bear with this evil Congregation? I have heard the Murmurings of the Children of* Iſrael, *which they murmur againſt me? ſay unto them, As truly as I live, ſaith the Lord, as ye have ſpoken in mine Ear, ſo will I do unto you; your Carcaſes ſhall fall in this Wilderneſs, and all that were numbred of you, from twenty years old, and upwards, that have murmured againſt me, &c.*

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And how did *Corah*, *Dathan* and *Abiram* rebel and oppose *Moses*? and what a breach did they make among the Congregation of *Israel*? Though the God of *Israel* had separated them to do the service of the Tabernacle, and to stand before the Congregation to minister unto them, yet *Corah*, *Dathan* and *Abiram* gathered all their Company together against the Lord, and did murmur against *Moses* and *Aaron*; and when *Moses* sent to call them, they said, *We will not come up*; and further said, *Is it a small thing that thou hast brought us out of a Land that flowed with Milk and Honey, to kill us in the Wilderness, except thou altogether make thy self a Prince over us? moreover, thou hast not brought us into a Land that flows with milk and honey, nor given us inheritance of fields and vineyards: will thou put out the eyes of these men? we will not come up.*

Here was the rebellious spirit indeed; but the Lord was avenged of them, and of their Company.

And again, when the people rebelled against God, and against *Moses*, and said, *Wherefore have ye brought us up out of the Land of* Egypt, *to dye in the Wilderness, where there is no Bread, neither is there any Water, and our Souls loath this light Bread.*

And the Lord sent Fiery Serpents among the people, and they bit them, and much people of *Israel* dyed, &c.

And how would *Balac* and *Balaam* have curse *Israel* by their Divination, that they might not have been a People, if the Lord would have suffered them?

And *Balaam* was forced to confess, That God is not a Man, that he should lye; neither the Son of Man, that he should repent: Hath he said it, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good? Behold, I have received a Commandment to bless, and he hath blessed, and I cannot reverse it.

He hath not beheld Iniquity in *Jacob*, neither hath he seen Perverseness in *Israel*; the Lord his God is with him, and the shout of a King is among them. There is no Inchantment against *Jacob*, nor Divination against *Israel*. I shall see him, but not now; I shall behold him, but not nigh. There shall come a Star out of *Jacob*, and a Scepter shall arise out of *Israel*; out of *Jacob* shall come he that shall have Dominion, &c. Here *Balaam* had a

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true sight and propheſie of Chriſt, the bleſſed Seed, and everlaſting Covenant, yet would he have curſed this People for the unrighteous Wages of *Balack*, if he could: Nevertheleſs, he taught *Balack* to caſt a Stumbling-block before them; for whilſt *Iſrael* abode at *Shittim*, they began to commit Whoredom with the Daughters of *Moab*, and they called the people unto the Sacrifices of their Gods, and the people did eat, and bow down to their Gods, &c.

And *Iſrael* joyned himſelf unto *Baal-peor*, and the anger of the Lord was kindled againſt *Iſrael*; and the Lord ſaid unto Moſes, *Take all the Heads of the People, and hang them up againſt the Sun, that the fierce Anger of the Lord may be turned away from* Iſrael, &c.

And when *Moſes* taught the Children of *Iſrael* the Judgments and Statutes of the Lord, he ſaid, *Your Eyes have ſeen what the Lord did becauſe of* Baal-peor; *for all the men that followed* Baal-peor, *the Lord thy God hath deſtroyed from among you.*

So all this curſed ſeed hath ſtill diſobeyed and oppoſed the Command of the Lord, throughout all Generations, and hath bruiſed the Heel of this good Seed till this very day. The Lord hath curſed this ſeed of the ſerpent, and the Curſe remains upon him forever, Read *Deuteronomy*, chap. 28. from the 16th verſe to the end.

And this is the ſeed that ever bruiſeth the heel of the good Seed, as the Prophet *Iſaiah* largely propheſied of, who ſaid, *He made his Grave with the Wicked, and with the Rich in his Death, becauſe he had done no Violence, neither was any Deceit found in his mouth; yet it pleaſed the Lord to bruiſe him: he is deſpiſed and rejected of men, a man of Sorrows, and acquainted with Grief: Surely he hath born our Griefs, and carryed our Sorrows. He was afflicted, yet we eſteemed him not; he was wounded for our Tranſgreſſions, he was bruiſed for our Iniquities; the Chaſtiſement of our Peace was upon him, and with his ſtripes we are healed. All we like Sheep have gone aſtray, we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid upon him the iniquities of us all,* Iſa. 53. chap.

Here the precious Seed hath actually ſuffered and been oppreſſed all along by the wicked ſeed of the ſerpent; ſo that the faithful

ful Word of the Lord is fulfilled, which ſaid, *it ſhou'd bruiſe his Heel*, as may be clearly ſeen through the Scriptures of Truth, and may alſo be read in every heart and every boſome of every man and woman (upon the face of the whole Earth) which lies in the Fall, and in the Diſobedience, and under the Curſe.

The juſt & the pure Principle of the living God ſuffers in every heart, who is in the darkneſs, & under the power of the Prince of darkneſs: the Juſt lies ſlain there in ſpiritual *Sodom*, and ſpiritual *Ægypt*, and ſpiritual *Babylon*, which is all the World ſpiritually, the World of Darkneſs the old ſerpent hath ſet and ſown in the hearts of men and women, in *Adam* and *Eve*, and all their Off-ſpring. When he tempted them into Tranſgreſſion and Diſobedience of Gods Command, then the Image of God was defaced, in which God made them in the beginning; through the Diſobedience they fell from Purity and Righteouſneſs, and from Favour with God, and now they lie in Darkneſs and in Death, filled with ſin and iniquity.

So this World of Darkneſs and Death ſtands faſt in the Hearts of Men and Women, ſo that they cannot ſee God in his Work.

For the Apoſtle ſaith, As by one man ſin entred into the world, and death by ſin, and ſo death paſſed upon all men, for that all have ſinned, &c.

And again the Apoſtle ſaith, We are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedneſs.

And he ſaith, If our Goſpel be hid, it is hid to them that are loſt, in whom the God of this world hath blinded the minds of them that believe not, leſt the Light of the glorious Goſpel of Chriſt, who is the Image of God, ſhould ſhine unto them, &c.

And *David* ſaith, The Lord ſhall judge the World in Righteouſneſs. And he deſired of the Lord, to be delivered from the Men of the Would, which have their Portion in this Life, &c.

And Chriſt Jeſus ſaith, Now is the Judgment of this World; now ſhall the Prince of this World be caſt out: and I, if I be lifted up from the Earth, will draw all men after me, *John* 12. 31, 32.

And the Apoſtle ſaith, They had not received the ſpirit of the world,

world, but the Spirit which is of God, that we may know the things that are freely given us of God, 1 *Cor.* 2. 12.

And again, the Apostle saith, Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the Prince of the Power of the Air, that spirit that now works in the Children of Disobedience, *Ephes.* 2. 2.

And he bids them, Put on the whole Armour of God, that they may be able to stand against the assaults of the Devil; for we wrestle not against Flesh and Blood, but against Principalities, and against Powers, and against the Prince of Darkness of this world, against spiritual Wickednesses in high places, &c.

And the Apostle saith, Greater is he that is in us, then he that is in this world.

And also, the same Apostle saith, Now we know, that whatsoever things the Law saith, it saith to them who are under the Law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world become guilty before God, &c.

So here lies all the world of the Ungodly, guilty of Sin, guilty of Transgression, guilty of Disobedience; but now in these last dayes, the Lord Jesus Christ is come a Light into the world, that whosoever believeth in him, should not perish, but have everlasting Life, and that through him they might be saved, *John* 3. 16, 17.

So now the Lord Jesus Christ who is sent a Light into the world, and lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He that was in the beginning with God; all things were made by him, and without him was not any thing made that was made; in him was Life, and the Life was the Light of men.

And this Light doth shine in darkness, in this world of darkness, though darkness cannot comprehend it.

John was sent from God, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe: He was sent to bear witness of the Light, that was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

So this Light, that lights every man that comes into the world, this is the true Light, that shines in the dark heart, and this is the true Day, that dawns in the heart; and Christ Jesus is the Day-star that ariseth in the heart.

And this is the true Seed, and this is the bleſſed Seed, that hath the Promiſe and Word of the Eternal God joyned and fixed to it. That he ſhould bruiſe the ſerpents Head, who hath ſet darkneſs in the hearts of people.

And as certainly as the Lord hath fulfilled that Word, which he promiſed in the beginning, *That the ſeed of the ſerpent ſhould bruiſe his Heel*; ſo certainly and perfectly is he fulfilling the other part of it, *That the Seed of the Woman ſhould bruiſe the ſerpents Head.*

And God hath not only put enmity between the two ſeeds, but he hath put enmity between the ſerpent and the Woman, *Gen.* 3. *And the Lord God ſaid unto the Woman, What is this thou haſt done? And the Woman ſaid, The ſerpent beguiled me, and I did eat. And the Lord ſaid unto the ſerpent, Becauſe thou haſt done this, thou art curſed above all Cattel, and above all the Beaſts of the Field; upon thy Belley ſhalt thou go, and Duſt ſhalt thou eat all the dayes of thy life: and I will put enmity between thee and the Woman, and between thy ſeed and her Seed.*

So this enmity that God hath put between the ſerpent and the Woman, there is no reconciling of it; for where there is any part of the ſerpents ſeed or ſpirit, it is ſmiting and ſtriking at the Woman, and contemning her Weakneſs.

For when the Woman, being with Child, cryed and travelled in birth, pained to be delivered, then behold the great red Dragon appear'd, having ſeven Heads and ten Horns, and ſeven Crowns upon his Head; and the Dragon ſtood before the Woman, which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her Child as ſoon as it was born.

But ſhe brought forth her Man-child, which is to rule all Nations with a Rod of Iron, and her Child was caught up to God, and to his Throne, and the Woman fled into the Wilderneſs, where ſhe had a place prepared of God, &c.

So God alwayes provided for the Woman, that ſhe was nouriſhed and preſerved from the face of the ſerpent. And the ſerpent will not yet ceaſe to caſt out Waters as a Flood after the woman, that he might cauſe her to be carried away of the Flood.

And the Dragon is very wroth with the Woman, and ſeeks to make war with the Woman, and with the Remnant of her Seed.

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And ſo, this is perfectly fulfilled alſo; for the ſerpent, or any part of his ſpirit, where it is, hath a perfect enmity againſt the Woman.

But the eternal Word and Promiſe of God ſtands upon the head of the ſerpent, which is, that the Seed of the Woman ſhould bruiſe the ſerpents Head: and this is perfectly fulfilling in this our day; for the Head of the ſerpent is now coming to be bruiſed by the Seed of the Woman, Chriſt Jeſus: For the ſerpents ſeed and ſpirit is now gotten into the higheſt dreſs; he is now got into the Profeſſion and Words of Truth it ſelf, and would, if it were poſſible, do as he did, when he told her, *They ſhould be as Gods*; but he betrayed her and beguiled her, as ſhe ſaid.

But now he is oppoſing one that is too ſtrong for him, as he tempted Chriſt in the dayes of his Fleſh; but he could not prevail then, nor ſurely can he now againſt him in his ſpiritual appearance; the Elect he cannot deceive, who dwells in the Light, that comes from the Throne of divine Glory, that ſees him, and diſcerns him, and his ſecret Baits, and Snares, and Wiles; he doth deceive the dark and the ignorant, and betrays them that keep not to the Enſign that is ſet for the gathering of all Nations; but the Elect he cannot deceive, that are rooted and grounded upon the precious Corner-ſtone, that is laid in *Sion*; they that are built upon the Rock, Chriſt Jeſus, they cannot be ſhaken.

But Chriſt Jeſus ſhakes all Foundations that are not built upon him; and he is coming to raſe out and to root out that Foundation which the old ſerpent hath laid in the Hearts of people; he is coming to diſpoſſeſs him, and to deſtroy him and all his works; the Right is his; he was before ever the old ſerpent was; he was ſet up from everlaſting to everlaſting; man and woman was created in his Image, and he is now coming to claim his own, and to recover and reſtore man again.

The Devil hath had a long Reign; he may well be called the *old ſerpent*, becauſe he had a beginning; but now his head and power is coming to be bruiſed; and the Word of the eternal God is coming to be fulfilled upon him, which is, *That the Seed of the Woman ſhall bruiſe the ſerpents Head*: And he will make a ſhort work in the Earth, and cut it ſhort in Righteouſneſs for his Elects ſake. The Lord God is now at work; his Word, and Power

and Spirit, by which the Heavens and the Earth were made, is at work; the Grace and the Truth, which comes by Jesus Chist, is at work; and the Light of the glorious Gospel, the Power of God, is working, for the destruction of the Devil and all his works. And he is pouring down his Spirit of Grace and Supplication, so that now all people that come to the Lords eternal Light and Truth may look upon him whom they have pierced, and mourn over him, as one that mourneth for his only Son, *Zach.* 12. 10. And now, in these last dayes, since there hath been a falling away, and a Night of Darkness, and a Night of Apostacy from the true, spiritual and glorious Appearance of the Resurrection of Jesus, in the Apostles and primitive Christians dayes, since which time the Woman, that brought forth the Man-child, hath been fled into the Wilderness, a Place prepared of God for her, and had the two Wings of the great Eagle given her: But she is now returning out of the Wilderness, leaning upon her Beloved; and the Holy City, *New Jerusalem*, is coming down from God out of Heaven, prepared as a Bride for her Husband, having the Glory of God; and her Light is like a Jasper Stone, most precious, clear as Chrystal, which shines forth in its Glory, and clearly makes manifest all the power and body of spiritual Darkness.

And the *man of sin* is now revealed, the *son of perdition*, which hath sit in the Temple of God, in the hearts of man and woman, who was and is in the falling away from the *new Covenant*, and the *Resurrection of Jesus*, in his Spirit, in the hearts and bodies of his Saints, which was his Temple in the Apostles dayes.

The *man of sin* hath sitten in that Temple all Christendom over, where Christ and the Scriptures are professed without them, ever since the Apostles dayes, in this *night of apostacy*; the *man of sin* hath kept the hearts of people professing Christ, the Apostles and Saints words without them, in the spirit of darkness.

So they have all been out of the true Worship of God, which is in his own Spirit, and in his own Truth, and in his own Light, which is his *new Covenant*, where he writes his Law in their hearts, and puts his Spirit in their inward parts, where sin is done away, and transgression and iniquity is blotted out. But in this *night of apostacy*, they have all been out of this Way, and out of this Truth, and out of this Light and Life, and so in a dark unclean spirit they

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have taken Christs words, and the Prophets, and Apostles, and Saints words; there the *man of sin* hath sitten in the hearts of People, decked and trimmed with the Saints words, professing Christ and the Scriptures without them, in a dark spirit, but do not confess him come within them.

The Apostle said, *Many Deceivers are entred into the World, who confess not that Jesus Christ is comein the flesh, this is a Deceiver and an Antichrist. And hereby know ye the Spirit of God, every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh, is of God, &c. And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh, is not of God: and this is the spirit of Antichrist whereof you have heard it should come, and now even already, it is in the world.*

And this is that spirit of Antichrist, which is entred into the world, which hath been in the world, in this dark *night of apostacy*, who professeth Christ in words without them, but will not confess his Light, and his Spirit, and his Truth within them.

And therefore the Apostle said to the Saints, *Ye have an Unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things; let that therefore abide in you which you have heard from the beginning: if that which you have heard from the beginning remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father: These things have I written unto you, concerning them that seduce you; but the Anointing which you have received of him, abideth in you; and you need not that any man teach, but as the same Anointing teacheth you of all things, and is Truth, and is no Lye; and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him, &c.*

And so this *anointing* and *unction* of the Holy One, is, ever was, and ever shall be the Saints Teacher. But this is not Antichrists Teacher; he sitteth in the Temple of God, professing words without, and can have no union with nor benefit of the true Christ, which came by Water and Blood; not by Water only, but by Water and Blood.

And it is his spirit that beareth witness, because his spirit is Truth.

He that believeth in the Son of God, hath the Witness in himself. And this is the Record that God hath given us of his Son, eternal Life, and this Life is in his Son.

But *antichrist* in the world hath none of this Record; his Record is without, and his Pretence of Christ is only as without, and will not have him within.

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But Glory be to the Higheſt forever, this *man of ſin*, this *ſon of perdition* is revealed, which hath ſate in that Temple which God hath choſen for himſelf, in the Hearts of men and women, in which he hath written his *Law* and *Covenant*: But by the Spirit of his Mouth, and by the Brightneſs of his Coming, will he ſlay the Wicked, who hath long oppoſed Chriſt's Reign in his Saints and Members. And the Lord is coming to gather his Elect from the four Winds, and from the one end of the Earth to the other; he has all Power in Heaven and in Earth given unto him, and he is the Lord of all the Hoſts in the Heavens and in the Earth; at his Word and Command they all ſtand up together, &c. he hath brought his only begotten Son into the World; he hath lighted every man and woman that cometh into the world: and ſo let all the Angels worſhip him, he who is the Head of all Principalities and Powers, Angels and Authorities, are all ſubject to him; and he ſendeth forth his Angels, his *miniſtring ſpirits*, that are ſent forth for the Heirs of Salvation; and his Miniſters in Flames of Fire upon the Head of the ſpiritual wickedneſs of the old ſerpent; his Angels are his Meſſengers and Reapers, that bind the Tares in bundles, and caſts them into the Fire. He is ſending forth his Angel, that hath the ſharp ſickle, that he may thruſt in his ſickle; for the Harveſt is ripe.

To which of the Angels hath he ſaid at any time, *Thou art my Son*? Or to which of the Angels hath he ſaid at any time, *Sit at my Right Hand*? He hath not put in ſubjection unto the Angels the World to come, whereof we ſpeak.

But unto the Son he hath ſaid, *Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee. Ask of me, and I will give thee the* Heathen *for thine Inheritance, and the utmoſt parts of the Earth for thy Poſſeſſion.* And unto the Son he hath ſaid, *Sit thou on my Right Hand, until all thine Enemies be thy Footſtool.* Yea, unto the Son he hath ſaid, *Thy Throne, O God, is forever and ever; the Scepter of Righteouſneſs is the Scepter of thy Kingdom; thou haſt loved Righteouſneſs, and hated Iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the Oyl of Gladneſs above thy Fellows. Though the* Heathen *raged, and the Wicked hath imagined vain things, yet hath the Lord ſet his holy King upon his holy Hill of* Sion. *And he hath anointed him to preach Glad-tidings to the Poor, Liberty to the Captives. And he*

hath anointed him to proclaim the acceptable Year of the Lord, and the Day of Vengeance of our God. And he hath anointed him to open the blind Eyes, and to unstop the deaf Ears, and to cause the Tongue of the Dumb to sing, and to loose the Tongue of the Stammerer, that he may speak plainly, &c. He hath anointed him to make the Lame to leap and skip as an Hart. He hath anointed him to set open the Prison Doors, and to bring forth the Prisoners out of the Prison-house, and those that have long sitten in darkness, and under the Vail of the shadow of death, he hath anointed him to bring them forth, that they may shew themselves, that upon them his glorious Light may shine. He hath anointed him to bring again that which hath been driven away, and to gather together again that which hath been scattered, and to make the Prisoners of hope to rejoyce, that have so long lain in the Pit, where there is no Water. He hath anointed him to raise up the Tabernacle unto David, *and to make up the Breaches thereof. He hath anointed him to bring back the Captivity of* Judah *and* Jerusalem, *and the whole Seed of* Israel, *and to unite and knit together into one the house of* Judah *and the house of* Joseph, *the house of* David *and the house of* Israel. *He hath anointed him to enlarge* Japheth, *that he may dwell in the Tents of* Shem.

He that is the Light of the *Gentiles*, and the Glory of his People *Israel*, and the Salvation to the ends of the Earth.

He is the Lords Anointed, for the taking away of that middle Wall of partition, that Wall of separation between *Jews* and *Gentiles*, that Law of Commandments that was contained in Ordinances, which was contained in an outward Temple, that was contained in an outward Covenant written in Tables of stone, and an outward Priesthood, and outward Offerings, and outward Washings and Sacrifices, which the Apostle calls a *worldly Sanctuary* and *beggarly Rudiments*; he hath abolished all these in his flesh, and thereby hath slain the Enmity, and nailed them to his Cross; and he hath made to himself of twain one new man, and so making Peace; and that he might reconcile both *Jew* and *Gentile* unto God in one Body; for through him we have both access by one spirit unto the Father.

So now its neither Circumcision nor Uncircumcision that availes, but a New Nature, and a New Creature, in Christ Jesus. For he is our Peace, who hath made both one, which the Apostle saith

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is a Myſtery, which in other ages was not made known to the Sons of men, that the *Gentiles* ſhould be Fellow-Heirs, and of the ſame Body, and Partakers of his Promiſes in Chriſt (by the Goſpel) which he hath purchaſed for us, in whom is hid all the Treaſures of Wiſdom and Knowledge. For he hath taken away the Firſt Covenant and Law, which was written in Tables of ſtone, that he might eſtabliſh the ſecond Covenant written in the heart. And he hath taken away the firſt Prieſthood, that could not ſtand by reaſon of Death, that he might eſtabliſh the ſecond Prieſthood, that is not made by the Law of a Carnal Commandment, but by the Power of an endleſs Life. And he hath taken away the outward Offerings and Sacrifices, that he might eſtabliſh the one Offering. He hath taken away the firſt Temple, that *Solomon* built, that he might eſtabliſh the ſecond Temple of his Body, which is his Church, that the Glory of this latter Houſe may far exceed the Glory of the former. He is the Mediator of a better Covenant, eſtabliſhed upon better Promiſes, an everlaſting Covenant, that never can be broken, written not in Tables of ſtone, but in fleſhly Tables of the Heart.

By this one Offering, which he hath offered up, even himſelf, through the eternal Spirit, once for all, by this one Offering he is able to ſave to the utmoſt all that ever comes unto God by him, which believeth in his Light, and walketh in it, of what Nation or People ſoever, *Jew* or *Gentile*, *Barbarian*, *Schythian*, Bond or Free, Male or Female, all that ever comes to God by him, he is able to ſave to the utmoſt, &c.

By this one Offering he hath opened a living Fountain, not only for *Judah* and *Jeruſalem* to waſh in, but whoſoever is athirſt, of what Nation ſoever, they may come unto him and drink.

For in the dayes of his Fleſh, he invited all that were athirſt to come unto him and drink, *John* 7. 37, 38, 39.

And this he ſpoke of his Spirit, which he was then going to pour forth, which he hath now largely manifeſted, which he is pouring upon all fleſh, upon his *ſons* and upon his *daughters*, upon his *ſervants* and upon his *hand-maids*.

And the Tabernacle of God is now with men, and he dwells with them, and they are his People, and God himſelf is with them, and is their God.

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And the Lord Jesus Christ is building the Temple, which is his Church, which is made of living stones; he that is greater then *Solomon* hath laid his Foundation in *Sion*; he hath laid the Rock and Corner-stone; he is building up spiritual *Sion*, the City of his Solemnity; the wise Master-builder is at work, and he is building up that City that our Father *Abraham* looked for, whose Builder and Maker is God; his Word is at work, his Spirit is at work, his Power and Light is at work, his Grace and Truth is at work; he that layes true Judgment to the Line, and Righteousness to the Plummet in the Hearts of men & women, he is at work. He that sit in the midst of the Throne, and in the midst of the four Beasts, and in the midst of the four and twenty Elders, as a Lamb that hath been slain; he that hath the seven Eyes and the seven Horns, which are the seven Spirits of the living God, sent forth throughout all the Earth, and runs to and fro, and sees both before and behind; the gathering is unto him, yea the gathering of all Nations is unto him.

He that walked in the midst of the seven Golden Candlesticks, which hath not only the *Urim* and *Thummim*, but the Light of Lights, Perfection of Perfections, Glory of Glories, and Holiness to the Lord.

And this is that pure River of the Water of Life, proceeding out of the Throne of God, and of the Lamb; in the midst of it, and of either side of it is the Tree of Life; blessed are they that do his Commandments, that they may have right to the Tree of Life, and enter in through the Gates into the City.

He is that Tree of Life that stands in the midst of the whole Paradise of God, which bears his Fruit every Moneth, whose Leaves are for the healing of the Nations.

So all Nations, and all the ends of the Earth, must look unto him if they be saved, who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the Kingdom of his dear Son, who is the Image of the invisible God, the First-born of every Creature.

He is the Head of his Body, the Church, who is anointed with the Oyl of Gladness above his Fellows; and in him dwells all the Fulness of the Godhead bodily; and he dispenses of his Fulness throughout his whole Body; and the preci- *Colloss.* 1. 19.

ous Oyle, with which he is anointed, flows plentifully to every Member, who holds the Head, and abideth in the Unity, and keeps in the favour of his good Oyntment; for that is as the Dew of *Hermon*, and as the Dew that defendeth upon the Mountains of *Sion*; for there the Lord commandeth his Bleſſing, even Life for evermore; which is a Myſtery that hath been hid from Ages and Generations, but now is made manifeſt to his Saints; to whom God would make known what is the Riches of the Glory of this Myſtery among the *Gentiles*, which is, Chriſt in us the Hope of Glory, whom the Apoſtle preached, warning every man, and teaching every man, in all Wiſdom, that he might preſent every man perfect in Chriſt Jeſus, &c.

And this is our Way, and the Truth; and there is no other Way nor Name under the whole Heaven, but the Name of Jeſus, by which any can be ſaved; to which Name every Knee muſt bow, and every Tongue confeſs. For it is he that is crowned with Glory and Honour, that by the Grace of God he ſhould taſte death for every man, that through death he might deſtroy him that had the power of death, which is the Devil.

He hath blotted out the Hand-writing of Ordinances, and hath taken it away, nailing it to his Croſs.

And he hath ſpoiled Principalities and Powers, and hath openly triumphed over them: ſo in this great Work of the Lord Jeſus Chriſt, in which he hath given himſelf for his Body, which is his Church, he hath made no difference in this Work between Male and Female, but they are all one in Chriſt Jeſus, whoſe Faith and Belief ſtands in his Name and Power, who are ſanctified and cleanſed: ſo he preſents his glorious Church unto himſelf (not having Spot or Wrinkle, or any ſuch thing) which is his Body, the fulneſs of him that filleth all in all, *Eph.* 1. 22, 23.

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AND bleſſed and happy are all the Faithful, that are conſtant, true and obedient to the Lord's eternal Light, Spirit and Truth;

Truth; that ſo the holy Anointing, which they have received from the Beginning, abide in them, and they abide in it, then have they fellowſhip with the Son and with the Father: For that was the Reaſon why the Apoſtle *John* writ in his Epiſtle to the Saints, it was concerning them that did ſeduce them; therefore he ſaid, *Let that abide in you which you have heard from the beginning; if that which you have heard from the beginning remain in you, ye alſo ſhall continue in the Son and in the Father*, 1 Joh. 2. 24, 25.

And this is the ſafety and preſervation of all the Faithful, to keep to the holy Unction, and Anointing of the Holy One, which they have received of him, which is in them, and which was in the beginning, is and ever ſhall be the Saints Teacher; that never changes; here are the Saints and Faithful in Chriſt Jeſus preſerved.

But there was a ſpirit in the Apoſtles dayes, that *came in privily, & drew away many after their pernicious ways*, as may be ſeen in 2 *Pet.* 2. Which did fulfil the Propheſie of the Apoſtle *Paul* to *Timothy*, where he ſaith, *That the Spirit ſpeke expreſly, That ſome ſhould depart from the Faith, giving heed to ſeducing ſpirits and Doctrines of Devils, &c.* Alſo *Jude* is very zealous againſt that ſpirit, as may be read in his Epiſtle. But as the Apoſtles, *Peter* and *Jude* ſay, *If God ſpared not the Angels, which kept not their firſt eſtate, but left their own Habitation, who was caſt down to Hell, to be reſerved in Chains of darkneſs, unto the Judgment of the great Day, &c.*

And therefore let all beware and take heed, in the Fear of the Lord God, to keep to the true Teſtimony of God in their own Hearts, and to the true Touch-ſtone, that God has placed in them; and not believe every ſpirit, but try the ſpirits, whether they be of God; for *many falſe ſpirits are gone out into the World, &c.*

We are of God, ſaith the *Apoſtle*; *he that knoweth God, heareth us; he that is not of God, heareth not us: hereby know we the ſpirit of Truth and the ſpirit of Error*, 1 Joh. 4. 6.

This is the ſame Spirit ſtill, and God is the ſame, and his Power and Spirit is the ſame.

And let all the Oppoſers of his Spirit read their Portion in the Epiſtles of *Peter* and *Jude*.

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